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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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This application has been examined Responsive to communication filed on September 4, 1997 This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire -3- month(s), days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

1. Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. 2. Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
3. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. 4. Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152.
5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. 6. _____

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 + 28-32 are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.

2. Claims 21-27 have been cancelled.

3. Claims _____ are allowed.

4. Claims 1-20 + 28-32 are rejected.

5. Claims _____ are objected to.

6. Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.

8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.

9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are acceptable; not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).

10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____, has (have) been approved by the examiner; disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).

11. The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been approved; disapproved (see explanation).

12. Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has been received not been received been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on _____.

13. Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

14. Other

EXAMINER'S ACTION

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The rejection under 35 USC 103 set forth in the previous Office action is hereby repeated.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 28, 29, and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Irmran.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 30 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Irmran.

Irmran teaches a desire such as claimed except for the specific enabled electrode configuration^s recited. It would have been obvious to the artisan of ordinary skill to employ the claimed enabled electrode configuration^s, since these are not critical and since, if such configuration^s were required to ablate ectopic conduction pathways, they could be employed, thus producing a device such as claimed.

Applicant argues that Houser et al do not teach a "means for controlling..." as disclosed and claimed. While Houser et al do not ~~exist veribus~~ disclose such a controller, as already set forth

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in the examiner believes, as already set forth in the previous Office action that the disclosure of Houser et al, combined with knowledge which is of a notorious nature to one having ordinary skill in the art (e.g. switching electronically, etc) would render the claimed "means for controlling..." obvious. As objections^{ve} evidence of the knowledge in the prior art, the examiner respectfully invites applicant's attention to the disclosure of Imran, especially the portions thereof concerned with the multiplexer.^{xer}

Applicant's arguments filed September 4, 1997 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for response to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the date of this action. In the event a first response is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event will the statutory period for response expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to David Shay at telephone number (703) 308-2215.

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